

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
December 15, 2016
2553 Airport Blvd.
West Columbia, South Carolina 29170

Commission Members in Attendance

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-large
Ira E. Coward, District 2
John R. Hunt, District 3
William C. VanAntwerp, District 5
Carroll Joye, District 6

Visitors

Don Acevedo, Anderson County Airport
Skeets Cooper
Wayne Corley, MaesAwy Airport Planning Development
Rose Dobson-Elliott, Hampton County Administrator
Danny Lucas, Hampton County Airport Commissioner
Don Purcell, SC Aviation Association
Carlos Salinas, Pickens County Airport Manager

Aeronautics Staff in Attendance

James Stephens, Executive Director
Ericka Thomas, Commission Secretary
Paul Werts, Program Manager

Commission Member(s) Absent

George P. Waters, District 1
Vacant, District 4
Vacant, District 7

Visitors Continued

Ray Ward, Hampton County Airport Commissioner
Jack Woodward, Hampton County Airport Commissioner
Jennifer Youmans, Hampton County Grants Coordinator

Welcome & Call to Order

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and *Commissioner Coward* gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gantt presented the minutes from the October 20, 2016, Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports

Mr. Stephens presented the financials as of November 30, 2016, for the FY 2016 – 2017 year, showing a total Operating results cash balance of \$1,467,262. The State Aviation Fund received an additional \$228,157.09, bringing the annual State Aviation Fund revenue to \$675,640.25. This addition brings the State Aviation Fund balance to \$4,464,264.71. As of November 30, 2016, the total budget commitments and expenditures from the State Aviation Fund were \$4,894,366.50 leaving a deficit of \$430,101.79. Mr. Stephens stated that the additional fuel sales tax revenue and airline property tax revenue should be enough within the current fiscal year to match open grant requests and remaining project needs.

Mr. Stephens presented the Executive Director's Report giving an overview of events since September 30th. He congratulated Matthew Baker on the accomplishments of the UAS Program. Mr. Stephens' also reminded everyone of the upcoming 2017 events, beginning in January with the Legislative Breakfast on the 11th and then in February with the SCAA Annual Conference at the Isle of Palms.

Airport Development Update

Mr. Werts presented the Commission with an airport development update on the ongoing projects that are being supported by the SC Aeronautics Commission. With the current updates, Mrs. Rose Dobson-Elliott, Administrator of Hampton County, addressed the Commission with several updates about the Hampton County Airport. The Hampton County Airport sustained damaged during Hurricane Matthew to their hangars, and the Hampton County Council has pledged a financial commitment to the airport allowing many improvements to be made. Hampton County reported a large demand for T-hangars, which will be met in the near future, as well as having fuel coming online within the next couple of months.

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District Reports

Commissioner Coward – Attended the Aiken Airport Commission meeting and is pleased with the ramp improvements that have taken place at the Aiken Municipal Airport.

Commissioner Hunt – Introduced the new Pickens County Airport Manager, Mr. Carlos Salinas.

Commissioner VanAntwerp – Has talked with the FBO at the Fairfield County Airport concerning the negotiations of the FBO with the County.

Commissioner Joye – Attended the Sumter County Hangar Dedication, December 8, 2016. Also attended the Hampton County Commission meeting and is pleased with the support from the county to the airport for future development needs.

New/Other Business

Chairman Gantt proposed that the next Commission Meeting be held at the SCAA Annual Conference in February of 2017.

Chairman Gantt called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Commission. ***Commissioner VanAntwerp*** moved to elect ***Commissioner Coward*** as Vice-Chairman. ***Commissioner Joye*** seconded the motion. All in favor.

Chairman Gantt congratulated Mr. Stephens on his accomplishments for making the Airport Businesses 40 under 40 and to the SCAC UAS team for making the cover of the 2016 NASAO Special Edition of the State Aviation Journal magazine for being recognized by NASAO for Innovative UAS Program.


Chairman Gantt and the SC Aeronautics Commission thanked former Commissioner Matthew Kappel of District 4 for his four years of service to the Commission, presenting him with a model of the SC King Air 350.

Adjournment

There being no further business; ***Commissioner Hunt*** moved the meeting be adjourned, ***Commissioner Coward*** seconded, and all approved.


Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.
Commission Chairman


Ericka D. Thomas
Commission Secretary


Ira E. Coward
Commission Vice - Chairman

February 8, 2017 Date

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